

IRAQIS BEING KILLED, TOO

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of Iraqi citizens who have volunteered to rebuild their country, to establish democracy and the rule of law, to turn on the power and water, set up schools and courthouses, build roads and homes. As the cohorts of Saddam Hussein attack our troops, they are killing Iraqis as well.

This confirms that Saddam Hussein is not just an enemy of the coalition troops; he is an enemy of freedom and prosperity, an enemy of peace and democracy, an enemy of all who seek to bring these back to Iraq. So I join many who come to this floor lamenting the loss of American life in Iraq, and I join them in their desire for our troops to be home soon; but we need to also remember that Saddam Hussein's rage does not end with the American soldier. He is perfectly willing to kill Iraqis to keep his nation from moving forward. We are grateful for the efforts of peace-loving Iraqis in helping to rebuild their nation and establish democracy.

CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME
BIG VICTORY FOR CHARITY

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be in the well of the House and to announce that the baseball game which was played last Thursday night between the Republicans and Democrats ended in a Republican victory, 5-3. I want to congratulate all of my Republican colleagues who played so well on the diamond, but particularly our most valuable player, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS). The coveted Roll Call trophy stands behind me.

This is the first game in a new series, a 5-game series. I also want to congratulate the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), the manager of the Democrats, a real sportsman and a great individual, and all of the Democrats who participated.

Ultimately, this is a big victory for charity. We raised close to \$100,000 for various charities, and ultimately that is what this game is all about. For folks back home who think this was a softball game, I assure you, we play hard ball here in Washington. Indeed, it was a great night and a great victory in Prince George's Stadium where the Bowie Bay Sox play. We want to thank the Bay Sox for their hospitality. A good time was had by all, and also to the sponsors who put up the funds to make this available and particularly to the charities. Again, a great victory and bragging rights for 364 days, which is not all bad.

MYTHS WHICH SENT US TO WAR

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today CIA Director George Tenet will testify behind closed doors. Yesterday I held a public briefing with two veteran intelligence officers about the misuse of intelligence which took us into war. Ray McGovern, briefed Vice Presidents during his 27 years with the CIA. He said, "In my day, we did our analyses among ourselves. We knew what the requirements were. We knew what the interests were on the part of the policymakers. But thank you very much, we did not need policymakers at the table to tell us how to shape the intelligence." So much for the current Vice President's multiple CIA visits.

Andrew Wilke, a key intelligence analyst in Australia was on the Iraq case and received intelligence received by the U.S. in the run-up to the war. He said, "In that time, I saw not a single piece of critical hard evidence to substantiate the claim of any cooperation between Iraq and al Qaeda."

Was the intelligence-gathering apparatus of our Nation corrupted for base political concerns? Did the U.S. go to war based on lies? Congress must find out in open public hearings to get the answers about phantom nuclear weapons and other myths which sent us to war.

MISUSE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES
FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over the partisan political use of Federal resources by the majority party. Roughly 2 months ago, the Justice Department, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Homeland Security were all called upon to track down Democratic members of the Texas legislature, even though they had broken no law, nor endangered public safety nor homeland security.

I applaud the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for introducing three resolutions of inquiry in an effort to get to the bottom of all of this. This afternoon, the Select Committee on Homeland Security will mark up its resolution, which asks the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit all relevant information about the Texas mess to the House.

We must not allow the misuse of Federal resources for political purposes. These resources exist to protect the public from harm, not to protect the Republicans in Congress from political challenge.

IRAQ'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS
PROGRAM

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as Director George Tenet of the CIA comes to the Hill today, the debate will go on between whether U.S. intelligence agreed with the intelligence of our honored and treasured ally, Great Britain, over a particular transaction for enriched uranium in Africa. But there is no debate that Iraq had a nuclear weapons program that spanned nearly 3 decades.

Iraqi scientist Khidhir Hamza told U.S. officials after he fled Iraq in 1994 that he helped train a cadre of young scientists who would be capable of resuming Iraq's atomic weapons program as soon as the U.N. cut back inspections. He said the program was personally directed by Saddam since its inception 3 decades earlier and was aided and abetted by technology transferred from many Western nations.

And just 2 weeks ago, Mahdi Obeidi led U.S. authorities in Baghdad to dig up shrubbery in his backyard to find sophisticated parts and documents to support Saddam's nuclear weapons program.

While we debate agreements between intelligence agencies, let us remember that about which there is no debate: Saddam Hussein had a 30-year nuclear weapons program, and if he went forward unchecked, would have used it to blackmail and tyrannize the world.

HEAD START

(Mr. RODRIGUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on behalf of Head Start, a program which has been shown to help youngsters increase their vocabulary before they start school, a program which allows them writing skills before they start school, and to learn social behavior, a program which has been there to allow parent participation, allow health screening and services, a program that has been shown throughout the last 35 years to work for these low-income youngsters whose parents work out in the field harvesting food for this country.

What has the administration and the Republican Party decided to do? Shame on you, you have decided to go after this program designed to help the most vulnerable youngsters of this country.

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As he just indicated, the intent to cut the program, that program that has been there for our kids. Shame on you. This program has been there, has worked and now you have chosen to go back and basically cut this program and put it in the form of a block grant. In Texas, we should not allow it. I